

SC030367

Registered provider: Cotswold Chine School

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This independent charitable school is also registered as a children's home. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to a maximum of 42 children. The accommodation for children is provided across seven houses located on or near to the school site.

Inspection date: 21 February 2018

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 26 September 2017

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

The home received a full inspection on 26 September 2017. It has continued to operate well and provide good stability and care for the children who currently live here..

The home continues to be managed and led by a qualified and experienced registered manager. She is ably supported by a senior management team that is highly qualified and experienced. The staff team is well motivated and enthusiastic. The children receive consistency of care. There have been few changes in the staff team since the previous inspection.

An extensive training package and regular supervision ensure that staff remain supported and up to date with their learning.

Children continue to make very good progress. For example, one young person has

passed his driving test and he has bought a car. He is now employed full time in the role as a health and well-being assistant for the children at the school. The children's homes are appointed and furnished to a high standard, providing a homely environment for all children to live in.

There are plenty of staff members present to support the children as and when they need assistance. Staff were observed interacting quietly and effectively with some children who were anxious. Staff members speak fondly of the children and enthuse about their progress and achievements.

The management of behaviour is good. The records maintained by the manager show that physical interventions are rare and sanctions are few. There have been a small number of missing-from-home episodes, and in these instances the response from staff has been swift and appropriate. Complaints raised by the children and families are dealt with fairly, and in a timely manner.

Since the previous inspection, auditing tools have become further embedded. Reports are clear, concise and provide an effective analysis of the trends, frequency and context of incidents of restraint and sanctions. The information is easy to understand for the reader. Summaries ensure transparency and easy triangulation of the incidents.

As a result of the continued good work of the manager, staff team and senior management team there are no requirements or recommendations made.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/09/2017	Full	Good
01/03/2017	Interim	Improved effectiveness
18/10/2016	Full	Requires improvement
19/01/2016	Full	Requires improvement

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and young people and their families. In addition, the inspectors have tried to understand what the children's home knows about how well it is performing, how well it is doing and what difference it is

making for the children and young people whom it is trying to help, protect and look after.

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC030367

Provision sub-type: Residential special school

Registered provider: Cotswold Chine School

Responsible individual: Jason Lukas

Registered manager: Carolyn Cornwall

Inspectors

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